

LowCountry Emmaus

And their eyes were opened, and they knew him. Luke 24:31

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FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR



. To the Community:

Thank you Indian Fields for hosting the follow up gathering. The pot luck dinner was great. I thought some of us were going to have to stand to eat but by the time some got through the line others had already made way. There was enough food for all and many fine 'deserts' too. There was a lot of fellowship that seem to feed over into the gathering. The music was lead by Elaine Walter, Jon Stroud and Bill and Sara Dorfner.

We did not have the 4th Day witness and clergy response. Instead pilgrims from the walk were asked if they would like to describe their 4th day experience. I apologize for not knowing their names but it was overly apparent that the weekend had affected their lives. Thanks again Indian Fields for hosting.

The ABCs of Natural Church Development quality characteristics continued:

- empowering leadership-gift-based ministry
- passionate spirituality-effective structures
- inspiring worship services-holistic small groups-need-oriented evangelism-loving relationships

Do we want our churches to grow? Do we want our Emmaus community to grow? The mechanics of church growth has been defined by Christian A. Schwarz. Who is supposed to take this responsibility? Is it the clergy or lay people? Is it both clergy and lay persons? 'It takes us all'.

We all display some of these characteristics. How do we combine the characteristics of all the individuals? First we start with prayer and then more prayer. God will guide and direct us. We just have to allow Him to lead. We just have to take action on his lead. Remember the first line in the prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful".

During the closing at walk sixty five I mentioned progressive servanthood. I wish to expand on the

topic. The end goal of being on the teams is to progress from servanthood behind the scenes through the positions of the team ending at Lay Director. If anyone has questions about the progression please ask a board member or someone that has already been through some of the positions. The progression is as follows:

Behind the scenes support > ATL > TL > ALD > LD

Or

Behind the scenes support > Music Assistant > Music Leader > TL > ALD > LD

Acronyms: (Assistant Table Leader (ATL), Table Leader (TL), Assistant Lay Director (ATL), Lay Director (LD)

Thanks to Paul and Emily for being the Lay Directors for the last set of walks. The LDs for the next set of walks are Terry Lupo (walk 67) and Ron Bycroft (walk 66). The Lay Directors in Training (LDIT) are Beth Pregnal and Joel Strickland. Please be in prayer for Ron, Terry, Beth and Joel and for the up coming walks. Start praying for sponsorship now!

Our Emmaus community has lost a faithful brother in Christ. If you were ever on a team with Charlie you would note how humble he was. When he gave a talk you would realize that he was very strong in his belief in the Lord. He will be missed. **De Colores Randy Woods**

FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

On Monday morning, I walked into Hibben United Methodist Church to attend the service of death and resurrection for Charlie Peigler. As I went in I realized that this felt very much like walking into the community candlelight service on Saturday evening a little over a week before. I looked around and thought, there are people here from Ladson, Summerville, and Knightsville, from Mount Pleasant, from West Ashley, from Sandy Run, from Citrus Heights, California, and from many other places. And most of them are going to be heading back home shortly after this service.

Why do we travel a long distance at what may be an inconvenient time in order to attend a wedding or a funeral or a candlelight service? On the Emmaus weekend, the spiritual director explains to the pilgrims: These people have gathered out of love for Christ and love for you. On Monday, we gathered out of love for Leigh and Charlie and their family, and we were able to gather in hope because of the love of Christ.

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We gather because we are part of the body of Christ in the world. Now, there are many tasks that Christ has for his body, the church, to carry out. Our responsibilities extend beyond ourselves to caring for the whole world. But in order to have the strength to do that, we need to care for each other, also. Paul wrote about the body of Christ, "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it." (I Corinthians 12:26 NRSV)

Christ is counting on you! Christ is counting on each one of us to live as a member of his body, being willing to give and willing to receive, every day. **De Colores! David Lupo**

DIRECTIONS TO TRINITY UMC, BAMBERG

From Charleston/Summerville areas :

Take Hwy 78 or I26 to Branchville. From Branchville, take HWY 78 west into Bamberg. After entering the city limits of Bamberg, Trinity UMC will be the first large red brick church on your left.

From Orangeburg :

Take HWY 301 South to Bamberg. Continue in Bamberg on 301 South until you reach the intersection of HWY 78. Take a left on HWY 78 toward Charleston. Trinity UMC will be the second large church on your right. It will only be 3 blocks from the intersection of 301 and 78.

From HWY 61:

Take HWY 61 west toward Augusta until it merges with HWY 78. Continue on HWY 78 into Bamberg. After entering the city limits of Bamberg, Trinity UMC will be the first large red brick church on your left.

From Allendale :

Take HWY 301 North into Bamberg. At the intersection of 301 and 78, take a right on HWY 78 (West toward Charleston). Trinity UMC will be the second large church on your right. It will only be 3 blocks from the intersection of 301 and 78.

The Board Members responsible for Agape, Prayer Vigil, Kitchen, Agape Snacks, Transportation and Housing all wish to thank the members of the community who have so helpfully supported the Spring Walks. Your help and prayers are so greatly appreciated. We also want to express our thanks to those who have agreed to sponsor new pilgrims for these walks. Please be in contact with new prospective pilgrims, now, for the Fall Walks. Remember as you do, the excitement you felt as you experienced Christ in a new and more intimate way, during and after your walk. Please share that privilege with those you know who are in need of the same new relationship with Jesus, Our Lord.

Thanks to everyone who helped with either the luggage or transportation on these past walks. Its folks like you that make put the capital "A" in Agape love. **Norman Murdaugh, luggage and transportation**

A NOTE FROM LEIGH PEIGLER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ-

As you know, Charlie left us on April 18th to start his new life in God's heavenly kingdom. Throughout the past four years since Charlie was diagnosed with cancer, we have been able to remain strong and hopeful because of the prayers and support from our Emmaus family. Your cards, phone calls, prayers and hugs have sustained us through both the good times and the most difficult.

Several folks have shared their amazement at what they saw in the love that surrounded both of us. The gentleman who served as MUSC House Concierge in the ICU waiting room wrote "Though I only met you briefly, the goodness and strength and togetherness of your family and friends was uniquely apparent." Members of both Charlie's family and my family spoke of the care and love that came from not only our Reunion Group, but other members of Emmaus community who came to visit, pray and say goodbye to Charlie. Our minister, Jim Hunter, told Babs and Emily that maybe he should look more closely at Emmaus; I think they tried to sign him up on the spot! Our church secretary told me that for all the services and funerals she has helped arrange at Hibben, she has never seen such overwhelming care as she did from the Emmaus community; that it was a true witness to her. I told her that it was there not only for Charlie and me, but for everyone. Both of my sons were able to be here with me during this time, and both have been amazed at what they have witnessed. My oldest son shared that as he was trying to go to sleep the night Charlie passed away, his biggest worry was that I was now all alone and what was going to happen since he and his brother lived out-of-state. But over the next couple of days he experienced our amazing friends and it put his mind at ease.

Charlie and I both came from very strong and caring families, and have been blessed many times over with our work families, church family, and our Emmaus family. I cannot thank you enough for your love. May God continue to bless all of you and the work being done through Emmaus. **DeColores-Leigh**

Low Country Walk to Emmaus #65



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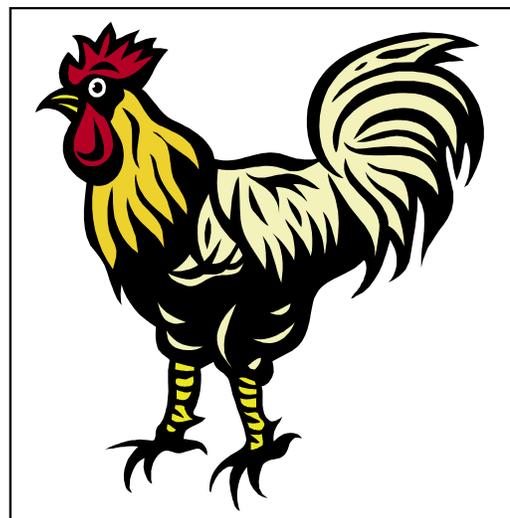
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**Lowcountry Emmaus Treasurer's Report
April 22, 2008**

Beginning Balance - checking **\$4370.74**
Deposits **+ 3514.25**
 Walk fees 2740.00
 Gathering 774.25
Disbursements **- 5369.75**
 Newsletter 254.46
 Babysitting 60.00
 Walk expenses 5055.29
Ending Balance - checking **\$2515.24**
Savings Balance **+ 4041.12**
Total on Hand **\$ 6556.36**

Thank you all for your generous offering at the gathering. Remaining walk expenses estimated \$2500 - please submit bills ASAP. For detail of walk expenses contact Joel or Karen.

De Colores, Karen



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Calendar of Events

May 16- 7:30 PM Trinity UMC, Bamberg
June
July
Aug.
Sept.

Gatherings-3rd Friday, monthly

Board meets on 2nd Tues. monthly

2009 WALKS
Tentative Dates

Spring 2009

Men's walk April 16-19
Women's walk April 30-May 3

FALL 2009

Men's walk Sept. 24-27
Women's walk Oct 8-11

Please begin NOW to submit applications for pilgrims you would like to sponsor on these walks. DON'T WAIT

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 25th of each month